GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3523
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SETTING UP BIO FERTILIZER PLANTS IN MAHARASHTRA AND M.P.
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to set up bio-fertilizer plant in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the existing fertilizer plants in the each of the State;

(c) the total production of fertilizer in the existing plants during each of the last three years till date;

(d) whether the Government propose to constitute a committee to look into the quality of fertilizer; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMCIALS & FERTILIZERS(SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): The Union Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a continuing Central Sector Schemeduring 9th plan which is entitled as National Project on Development & Use of biofertilizers.Under this scheme, non-recurring grant upto Rs. 20 lakhs is provided for setting up of biofertiliser production unit of 150 tonnes capacity per year by agro-industries/cooperatives/public sector undertakings of fertilizers, NGOs, private entrepreneurs provided the proposals are receivedthrough State Governments.The grant is also released through State Governments.During current year, there is no proposal to sanction a biofertilizer production unit in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

(b)&(c): Since inception and during last 13 years a total of 7 biofertiliser production units have been sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh and 17 in Maharashtra under the scheme. The unit wise capacity and production of biofertilisrs during last three year is given in Annexure-I.

(d)&(e): There is no proposal under consideration to set up a Committee to look into the quality of biofertilisers. The Bureau of Indian Standards has notified the specifications of important biofertilisers like Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Azospirillum and Phosphate Solubilising Bacteria. Theproducers of biofertilisers are required to adhere to these specifications. The State Governmentshave been requested to ensure that biofertilisers being produced in their States adhered to these specifications.

ANNEXURE – I

DETAILS OF BIO-FERTILIZER PRODUCTION UNITS AND THEIR PRODUCTION
DURING LAST THREE YEARS

State/units	Capacity(MT)	Production (MT)	
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Madhya Pradesh			
1.National Fertilizer Ltd., Indore	75	177.49	120.0 116.63
2.MP Agro Industries Corpn. Bhopal	225	762.78	782.05 698.06
3. NAFED, Indore	75	554.6	554.60 362.90
4.MP Oilfed, Dhar	150	123.29	186.3 212.34

5.MP Oilfed, Sehore 75 - - -
6.Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn, Bhopal 75 5.92 28.95 22.30

7 Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn, Gwalior 75 3.29 31.94 26.28

Total 750 1627.36 1703.84 1438.51
Maharashtra

1.BAIF, Pune 75 0 16.50 21.70

2.Rashtraiya Chemical & Fertilizer Ltd. Chembur 75 63.67 61.65 129.60

3.Javeri Agro Ind.P. Ltd.,Amravati 150 - - -

4.Vasantdada Sugar Instt. Pune 150 51.00 102.00 100.00

5.Inst. of Natural Organic Agril Pune (INORA) 150 0 16.50 25.00
6.Environmental Protection Res. Foundation Sangli 150 52.00 19.00 40.00

7Vikas Kruti Sansodhan Kendra, Latur 75 0 22.00 -

8.KVK-Jeevanjyoti Charitable Trust, Parbhani 75 0 0 15.59

9.Nikku Bioresearch center, Pune 150 0 29.50 24.50
10.Nirmal Seed Pvt. Ltd., Pune 150 0 27.00 160.00
11.SMS Mohit Patil SSK Ltd., Sholapur 150 0 0 7.35
12.Arun Biofertilizer, Kolhapur 150 0 12.50 -
13.Neelayam Gramudyog Vikas Sansthan, Wardha 150 0 0 0
14.Maharashtra Research & Development Centre, Sholapur 150 0 0 0
15.Nav Maharashtra Chakan Oil Mills, Sangli 150 0 0 4.40
16.K. Fert. Lab, Nanded 150 0 58.50 60.00
17Avishkar Biofarm Pvt. Ltd., Ahmednagar 150 0 0 0

Total 2250 166.67 365.15 588.14

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